

LIGHTNING EXPLODES

JOPLIN OIL TANK

Damage to Refinery of E. M. Wilhoit Oil Company is \$60,000 When 15,000 Barrel Crude Oil Tank Explodes.

Joplin, March 14.—Damage to the refinery of the E. M. Wilhoit Oil Company, three miles northeast of Joplin, as a result of a 15,000-barrel crude oil tank being exploded by a bolt of lightning at 12:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was estimated late last night by Mr. Wilhoit at about \$60,000. The plant is valued at \$250,000.

The huge tank, the largest at the refinery, contained 10,500 barrels of oil, 9,500 barrels of which was consumed. About 1,000 barrels were pumped from the tank before it collapsed under the intense heat.

At an early hour this morning, more than twelve hours after the explosion, the tank still was a roaring furnace. W. A. Smith general manager, predicted that the fire will have run its course by daylight this morning.

A kerosene tank, which contained about 150 barrels of kerosene, was badly damaged when it was ignited by the flames from the roaring tank late yesterday afternoon.

The entire west section of the refinery, containing twelve tanks, many of which were filled with gasoline, kerosene and crude oil, was threatened with destruction yesterday afternoon and last night when the flaming tank boiled over and large quantities of flaming oil spread in all directions.

The tank boiled over several times late in the afternoon and early in the night, and each time it sent masses of destructive flames rolling down the side of a hill, on the summit of which the tank was situated.

For a time it was feared that four large tanks of gasoline, about 300 feet south of the main fire, would be exploded, the flames approaching within a few feet of them.

GEORGE O'DELL ARRESTED FOR DISTURBING PEACE

Constable Joe Jackson arrested George O'Dell, Monday afternoon, charged with disturbing the peace of Mrs. Ed O'Dell, his daughter-in-law. He was taken before Justice of the Peace, O'Dwyer, and received a sentence of \$5.00 and costs, which amounted to \$13.80.

WARRANTY DEED TRANSFERS

From Landis & Landis abstractors, Cassville, Mo.

Walter M. Hall to D. A. Hall: An undivided 5-8 interest in ne¼ of Sec. 11 of Twp. 23 of Rng. 26, cons. \$1.00 et al cons.

J. E. McQueen to J. R. Robinson: nw¼ ne¼ of Sec. 33 of Twp. 24 of Rng. 29, cons. \$4,300.00.

M. E. Gilliox to Floyd Calton: Lot 6 in Block 10 in Prospect Park Addition to Monett, Mo., except a rectangular plat in sw corner being 5 ft north and south and 25 ft east and west, cons. \$500.00.

M. E. Gilliox to Green Shipley: Lot 12 in Block 8 in Monett Town Co's, First Addition Monett Missouri, cons. \$1600.00.

Ross E. Roberts to B. C. Marshall: Lot 4 in Block 7 in Grandview Place Addition to City of Monett, Missouri, cons. \$1500.00.

E. H. Smith to Christopher V. Pearce: Lot 3 in Block 1 in Downing & Toppers Addition to Monett, Missouri, cons. \$2450.00.

M. N. Hemphill to Loyd Bennett: n¼ ne¼ of Sec. 23, Twp. 24, Rng. 27, cons. \$2500.00.

Arthur W. Sturgis et al to George W. Yerton: Part of Lot 1 in Block 1 in Monett Town Co's, First Addition to its Townsite to Monett, Missouri, cons. \$2360.00.

J. H. McGuire to J. C. Pryor: 5 acres off west end of s½ nw¼ nw¼ of Sec. 33 of Twp. 24 of Rng. 27, cons. \$125.00.

Riley Black to Taylor Black: Lot 32 in LeCompte's Addition to City of Cassville, Missouri, cons. \$250.00.

Felix Tucker to Margaret Ann Tucker: Lot 10 in Block 16 in Monett Town Company's Townsite to Monett, Missouri, cons. \$1.00 love and affection.

A. C. Miller to Harry H. Westbay: 50 ft off east end of Lot 12 in Block 18 and 50 ft off east end of Lot 11 except 10 ft off north side of Lot 11 in Block 18 in Monett Town Co's, Townsite to Monett, Mo., cons. \$1300. Pearl Welch to W. S. Gardner Jr., Lot 4 in Block 10 in Prospect Park Addition to Monett, Missouri, cons. \$2500.00.

R. T. Poplin to J. A. Beck: w½ sw¼ Sec. 20 of Twp. 23 of Rng. 27, cons. \$1.00 and exchange of property.

Reuben Starkey to Buell Coons: n¼ sw¼ sw¼ of Sec. 24 of Twp. 23 of Rng. 27, cons. \$800.00.

Miss Lydia Jennings passed the week-end with friends in Pelee City.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

Application has been filed and argued before the Interstate Commerce Commission for an emergency rate on shipment of range cattle to the feeding pens of Missouri-Kansas and Iowa as well as for shipments from the Southwest to the Northwest ranges.

The National Grange, after a hearing of all the facts has decided that C. O. Raines of Hayti, should be recognized as the duly elected president of the Missouri State Grange. A contest was precipitated two months ago at the state meeting in Hannibal when a faction, headed by Roy Byrd of Chillicothe, marched from the hall and held a convention of their own, electing Byrd. The dispute was referred to the National Grange officers who have sustained Raines.

Loans made through the War Finance Corporation for relief of farmers and stockmen in Missouri during the week from March 2 to 8 total \$291,000. This is a large increase over previous allotments but is still considerably under loans made in other states in the Middle West, notably Iowa.

Missouri fared well during the last week in the appointment of Presidential postmasters. Those whose nominations were sent to the Senate included: Victor N. Remley, Orrick; Abraham M. Smelser, Grandin; James H. Somerville, Mercer; John J. Sleight, Montgomery City; Glen S. Elliston, Montrose; Fred Kelley, Puxico; May Venard, Tina; Leland T. Moore, Warsaw.

Appointments of Missouri postmasters have been recommended as follows: Thompson F. Wommack, Fair Grove; Mrs. Mary E. Blackburn, Malta Bend; and Fred R. Evans, Armstrong.

The State Department is in receipt of notice that Roy T. Davis, formerly of Columbia, Mo., now minister from the United States to Costa Rica, has reached his post of duty.

A new post office has been established at Highway, Carter county, with Mrs. Maurine Burns as first postmistress.

Secretary Wallace has sent out a questionnaire relative to certain proposed changes in wheat grading standards and is understood the new grades soon will be announced.

Mrs. C. E. Whitlatch was in Springfield on business, Tuesday.

FLAT-CREEK

Rev. C. A. Fly failed to fill his appointment at Fordland Sunday.

Miss Ruth Marbut visited home folks from Friday until Sunday.

Miss Ellinor Fly who has been sick with pneumonia is able to be up again. There was preaching at the Mt. Grove church Sunday and Sunday night.

Miss Fern Alexander visited Miss Ellinor Fly Sunday evening.

There is quite a lot of sickness. Elvin Fly and Arlie Inmon attended the play that was given at Gunter Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fly and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fly and family Saturday night.

LEE
Lee school will close Friday. Miss Ida Reynaud has taught a very successful school.

Mrs. Eph Davis visited Albedena Lee Sunday afternoon.

Frank Mermoud visited Lawrence Davis Sunday evening.

Tony Mourand and Randal Davis spent Sunday with Harlan McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bertalotto visited John Mourand and family Sunday. Miss Maggie Mourand visited Mr. and Mrs. John Bertalotto Sunday.

Mr. Riddle preached a fine sermon at Mt. Pisgah Sunday.

Bert Marks attended church at Monett Sunday night.

The Ladies Aid of Mt. Pisgah church will meet with Mrs. Ollie Ennis next Thursday afternoon.

ARRESTED FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE

Joe Hanlon was arrested Monday night by Deputy Sheriff E. R. Matthews, for disturbing the peace of Mrs. Hanlon, who is separated from her husband. Hanlon was placed in jail to await trial.

BOYS COMMUNITY CLUB

The Bellview Boys Community Club of Bellview is preparing an excellent program for Friday night, March 17. There will be a play given, entitled, "A Poor Married Man." This play will last probably an hour and a half. The other plays are "Just Like a Woman," and "Foiled by Heck." There will also be other entertainment.

On account of needing money to build a stage and other expenses, there will be a charge of 10 cents for all over ten years of age. The entertainment will start promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

CITY COUNCIL APPOINT JUDGES AND CLERKS

The City Councilmen met Tuesday afternoon, March 14, and designated the voting places for the primary election to be held on Tuesday, March 21, 1922, and for the general election to be held Tuesday, April 4, 1922, and also appointed judges and clerks which will serve at both said elections. The following polling places were designated:

In Ward No. 1, at the Plymouth school house.

Ward No. 2, at the Central school house.

In Ward No. 3, at the City Hall.

In Ward No. 4 at the Marshall Hill school house.

The judges were elected as follows: For Ward No. 1: John Salzer, John Suttles, W. P. Watkins, W. H. Bennett, Sig Solomon, Wm. Smerdon.

For Ward No. 2: J. M. Clayton, T. M. Markwell, C. E. Ball, G. M. Wood, O. Barker, Ed Russey.

For Ward No. 3: A. T. Bramer, A. Othenin, T. F. Bumerots, J. L. Lane, J. T. Salazar, W. F. Brite.

For Ward No. 4: W. W. Spain, J. C. Richardson, D. C. Scott, John Walton, W. S. Summers, G. T. Hogan.

The clerks for the said election are as follows: For Ward No. 1: J. J. Maher, Ovid Vermillion, R. Turpin and E. S. Wilson.

For Ward No. 2: John Rogers, J. J. Davis, A. H. Cox and Mace Jacques.

For Ward No. 3: Ed Maher, Mike Flaherty, James C. Johnston and Jesse Kring.

For Ward No. 4: H. M. Gray, D. D. Williams, Pete Scott and J. M. Scott.

ROCKY COMFORT

Narl Patterson has recovered from an attack of the flu.

Earl Montgomery transacted business in Neosho Saturday.

Mrs. James Redd of St. Louis is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison and other relatives here.

J. P. Wolfenbarger of Wheaton was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Patterson of Route 2 spent Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. M. J. Patterson.

Rev. John T. Hinds of Rogers, Ark. preached at the Christian church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Mrs. Kate McKeown of Lowell, Ark. is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Ford here this week.

IMPORTANT ROAD MEETING THURSDAY

Members of Capital Cities Highway Commission to Address Monett People at Gem Theatre.

An important meeting will be held at the Gem Theatre Thursday night, at which Mr. McKibben and Mr. Davis will be the speakers. All citizens of Monett and vicinity who wish to see a primary concrete road through this section, should be at the meeting.

A new national highway to be known as the "Capital Cities Highway" has been launched by citizens of the capital cities of three states and it is to run from Des Moines, Iowa, to Oklahoma City, passing through Jefferson City, St. Louis, Springfield, Monett and southwest into Oklahoma.

Information has just been received by the secretary of Monett Commercial Club that this new proposed highway, with headquarters in Jefferson City, will send speakers over the proposed route from Springfield to Monett and on south this week.

A meeting was held at Springfield Monday, which was attended by S. A. Chapell Mayor of Monett and F. P. Sizer, both officers of the Monett Capital Road Association. They found that Monett was considered the gateway to the highway leading into Oklahoma and Arkansas and that with proper support the town would be on the proposed highway.

The Capital Cities Highway will probably be a part of the primary concrete road built by the state highway commission in this section, on which Monett is working to be located.

All who are interested in getting Monett on this important highway should be present at the meeting at the Gem Theatre Thursday night, and also at the meeting called by the Commercial Club for tonight.

COMPTROLLER CALLS FOR PUBLISHED STATEMENTS

The Comptroller of the Currency at Washington, D. C., has called for a statement of all National Banks at the close of business March last. The statement of the First National Bank of this city appears on the second page of this issue of the Times. The strong showing of this institution speaks well for the condition of Monett and the surrounding country.

Mrs. D. R. Beeler was a visitor in Joplin, Tuesday.

Extra Values In Dry Goods

Commencing Wednesday, March 15th

Our bargain counters will be loaded with brand new merchandise at greatly reduced prices. Our business has shown an increase in January and February, so we can't afford to fall behind in March. Note the prices we quote on staples and compare with the "Special" leaflets received from the Mail Order houses. Our Prices Are Always A Little Less.

Ready-to-Wear

Our Ready-to-Wear department offers the very latest in ladies' spring suits, and coats. Also the new spring skirts and silk dresses, taffetas and canton crepes.

Ladies suits at from \$14.75 to .. \$49.50

Ladies coats at from \$8.50 to .. \$24.75

Taffeta dresses at from \$16.50 to \$34.75

We have some extra values in ladies wool

tricotone suits at \$25.00 and ... \$29.50

Dress Gingham

Good quality dress gingham, 32 inches wide in small checks and plaids. An excellent value at .. 19¢

Dress Gingham

Just received one lot of new patterns in dress gingham 27 inches wide, Special sale price .. 12½¢

Linen Colored Linens

A new heavy linen colored cloth, yard wide .. 25¢

Colored Linens

See our new line of colored linens, in Reseda, Rose, Green, Tan, Helio, and Copen at 35¢

Plain Chambrays

One of our best sellers. Just received another lot of these goods in plain blue, tan, lavender, pink and green, our special sale price is .. 10¢

Bath Towels

This is the biggest value we have ever had in towels. We offer you a large bleached towel 18x40, regular 25 cent values at 19¢

Bleached Table Damask

A good weight mercerized damask, 58 inches wide, special sale price .. 49¢

Feather Ticking

Extra heavy feather ticking, guaranteed to hold feathers, special price .. 29¢

Bleached Muslin

A good weight, soft finish muslin, free from starch, special sale price .. 15¢

Unbleached Muslin

Good quality, fine count brown muslin, this is not a thin muslin. Our price is .. 15¢ The cheaper brown muslins are 10¢ and .. 12½¢

Nine Quarter Sheeting

We are placing on sale a good heavy sheeting at a special price.

Nine quarter brown .. 43¢

Nine quarter bleached .. 45¢

Percalés

One large bargain table stacked with full thirty-six inch percales in either light or dark patterns. Sale price .. 15¢ Do not get this percale confused with the narrow ones.

Percalés

Our best grade, yard wide percales, regular 25 cent values, all new patterns, sale price .. 19¢

Crash for Towels

A good quality brown crash with red border, a dandy for roller towels. Special sale price .. 10¢

Cheviots

The very thing for mens and boys every day shirts. These shirtings are 28 inches wide, come in neat patterns and plain blues. Our special sale price is .. 12½¢

Cretonnes

Have you seen the new patterns in cretonnes for spring? We have a large variety to select from. They are thirty-six inches wide Our special sale price .. 19¢

Marquisettes

The season for new draperies is at hand. Our stock was never more complete. Any kind, any price. We have a great variety of scrims, marquisettes, and nets, in white, ivory, and ecru, regular 25 cent values, special sale price .. 19¢ Ask to see our better ones.

New Spring Gingham

The spring gingham were never more beautiful, neither have we ever shown as large a stock to buy from. Our better gingham sell at 25, 29, 35 and .. 50¢

Tissue Gingham

The most popular material for summer dresses. The new patterns are mostly small and medium size checks, they come in red, pink, green, brown, and blue, at .. 75¢

Apron Check Gingham

Good quality apron check gingham 12½¢

Wainright & Son

Next to the First National Bank

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